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Principle 2:

Street Presence

Showcase the figural profile of the original Trolley Barn and project both its historic prescence as well as the new activities of the site onto Meeting Street.

From a historic perspective, three factors are critical in the Trolley Barn's presentation to Meeting Street: its urban form, its architectural character, and its urban life.

- Urban Form: While it is typical in Charleston for buildings to be built close to street, creating the strong "urban walls" for which the City is known, the Trolley Barn is a notable exception. This open space facing Meeting Street is part of the urban history of the site and should be saved. Frame the 1897 profile with buildings or landscape elements that screen adiacent structures and allow the barn to be read against a traditional urban wall.
- · Architectural Character: There are few architectural landmarks in this part of the city. The iconographic profile of the original Trolley Barn is memorable as well as historic, and should be put to a new symbolic purpose.
- . Urban Life: The front yard of the Barn complex was historically a place of constant trolley activity, due to the comings and goings of trolleys. To recreate the historic life of this complex provide views to human activity inside the Trolley Barn and program the Meeting Street frontage for exterior activity, preferably of a scale and quality commensurate with the historic use. Do not park in this space.









